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On behalf of the Presidency of the European Union, I have the honour to request your kind assistance in circulating the attached statement concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, adopted by the General Affairs Council of the European Union on 29 May 1995, as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted by the General Affairs Council of the European Union on 29 May 1995

The Council has adopted the following statement:

"The European Union expresses its very serious concern at the worsening of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It deeply mourns the victims.

It is outraged by the deliberate bombings of civilian populations and by the odious taking of United Nations soldiers and observers as hostages. The European Union roundly condemns the attitude of the Bosnian Serbs and warns them of the possible consequences they may be facing.

The European Union expresses its full support of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). It demands a halt to the bombing by the Bosnian Serbs and the immediate and unconditional release of United Nations soldiers and observers being held and threatened by the Bosnian Serbs. It holds Bosnian Serb leaders accountable for the fate of these hostages. It will support measures to strengthen UNPROFOR, which are essential in order for it to recover its freedom of movement, enhance its security and effectively fulfil its mission, in particular to protect the safe areas.

The European Union reaffirms its attachment to the conclusion of an overall settlement of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia that will ensure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States within their internationally recognized borders and respect for human rights.

To that end, and as a first step, the European Union supports the diplomatic efforts currently in progress to achieve the mutual recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)."